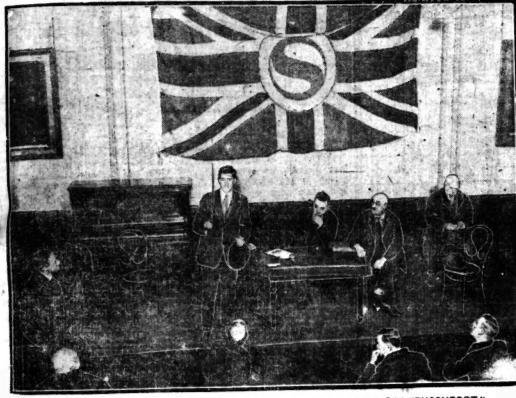


## BORDEN TO QUIT PREMIERSHIP AFTER NEW YEAR



LONDON STUDENTS RAID PROHIBITION MEETING AND CARRY OFF "PUSSYFOOT." Mr. W. E. Johnson ("Pussyfoot") was to have lectured on "Prohibition" at the Essex Hall, Stand, but, after a brief interchange of views, carried Mr. Johnson to the street. Here a student is giving his somewhat racy views on Prohibition.

## PREMIER BORDEN'S SUCCESSOR TO RE-ORGANIZE CABINET

Practically Official Word That Canada's Prime Minister Will Retire at New Year's

### Five Ministers Also Quit--Parliamentary Caucus to Name New Premier

(Canadian Press Wire)

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—The Ottawa Journal says that Sir Robert Borden is retiring from public life. His resignation from the Premiership will be officially announced immediately after the New Year, and a caucus of the Unionist parliamentary party summoned in Ottawa.

The Prime Minister's desire to retire, which was made known to his colleagues last week, was due to the strain and wear and tear with the stress and storm of four years of war leaders.

He has left his mark on the Borden government, and from the Peace Conference his condition was such as to necessitate a rest, it was thought, and a man two or three in his position could completely restore his old vigor. This expectation, unfortunately, has not been fulfilled.

Facetious stories of his failing health, the Premier found on his return that his strength was hardly equal to his tasks.

He has consulted the best available medical advice, and his desire to retire has been taken into account.

"It may be well to make it clear that Sir Robert's condition is in no way critical, nor even serious, but that he is in a position to continue the heavy duties and responsibilities of office without difficulty," said the Journal. "He has decided to relinquish his post in favor of a younger and more vigorous man. Sir Robert's resignation is almost sure to be accepted, and to take place at once. He will carry on until the beginning of the New Year, and then, for the sake of the Unionist parliamentary party in Ottawa, to make his resignation known to the world.

PREMIER TO CALL A CAUCUS.

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—The date of a Ministerial caucus to name a successor to Sir Robert Borden will be chosen as soon as his resignation has been left in the hands of the Prime Minister's agent. Sir Robert, it is said, is in failing health, and has had a bad night's sleep, but is not in a position to make any statement as to his intentions. It is intended that Sir Robert's health will be the main consideration.

He has no alternative but to retire from public life. Sir Robert, it is stated to day, is in failing health, and there is still a feeling in certain quarters that the choice of a successor should be made by the cabinet.

Such a procedure, however, would be fraughtly antagonistic to the democratic principle of majority rule, and the British method of a choice by the people's representative in Parliament is to be followed.

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Owing to the fact that P. D. Ross,

may be summoned of Ministerial Members of Parliament, or a general convention of the Unionist party be called. Which course will be followed is not known.

The latter course would necessarily call for a much more comprehensive organization than a caucus merely of members of parliament.

THE MINISTERS TO RETIRE.

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—The Morning Journal this morning publishes the following:

Reorganization of the Cabinet, which had been under consideration of Sir Robert Borden, is now likely to be left to his successor. It is anticipated that five ministers.

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ROSA RAISA.

Famous dramatic soprano of Chicago, as Basilia in the new opera, "La Serafina," she will visit Canada shortly.

BURLINGTON FIRE

Home of Russell Wilson Slightly Scorched.

A fire alarm was set off about

an hour ago from the home of Mr. Russell Wilson, of New Street, Burlington. The fire brigade responded very quickly, and the fire was soon under control. The cause was given as the setting of a coal-oil lamp, which had been left in a room to dry the plaster. A little scorching of the woodwork and damage to smoke the gas and electric wires, the window being blown out at the time, the house was blowing in setting off with some loss.

Holy Mistletoe

Holly wreaths, California bound walnuts, pecans, filberts, almonds, Brazil nuts, and dried fruit, dried figs, dates, candy, shortbread, fruit cakes, mine meat, French peas, French vegetables, thus, succotash, asparagus, dried beans, dried fruit, Oka, Camembert, Canadian Chilton, turkeys, geese, ducks, chickens, pigeons, riblets, A. G. Bain & Co.

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A fine assortment of walking canes in all the popular woods, hot plates, silver, silver plate, and cutlery.

Yours truly, Mr. James Simpson, 157, Ferrie street east, and Joseph Penn, 160 Pittson street,跌倒

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## SIR ROBERT TO RETIRE

An announcement is made to-day that Sir Robert Borden, owing to ill health, will shortly retire from the premiership of the Dominion. He has been leader of the Conservative party for eighteen years and for eight years Premier of the country. He is said to be the only Premier who has reigned that position for so long a time.

The leader of other Governments had to give way to others. He is now paying the penalty for his adhesion to office. The strain of the past eight years, especially in the years during the war and while he was abroad assisting in drawing up the terms of peace, has brought on a nervous trouble that demands that he retire from public life. He is said to be ill. It is expected that official announcement of his retirement will be made shortly after the New Year.

It is said that a convention of the Unionist Parliamentary Party will then be called to appoint his successor. The party has apparently seen the advisability of adopting such a course by watching the methods used by the Liberals in forming both their national and Ontario leaders at conventions. The name most prominently mentioned in connection with the succession is that of Mr. Arthur Meighen, Minister of the Interior. Mr. Meighen is a young country lawyer without a name as a member of the bar and is entirely out of sympathy with the political beliefs of the farmers of the West. He is a Tory of the old school and the author of most of the reactionary legislation of the Union Government.

There are two courses open to the Government. It can either resign and appeal to the country, or it can have a temporary leader chosen, and Parliament called to pass legislation legalizing an Election Act, so that an appeal could be made to the electors without the risk of being defeated. The former would be held on the War-Times Election Act. Some kind of an Act must be passed or the Government can fall back on the Provincial Act. The present Parliament does not represent the people, and the sooner it is dissolved, the better. The women have the franchise, yet they have had no opportunity to vote it or express an opinion as to their views on federal questions.

There will be a general feeling of regret throughout the country at the breakdown of Sir Robert. He has sacrificed his health on the altar of his country, and no matter what one's politics may be, credit will be given him for honesty of purpose in serving his country, and it is to be hoped that rest will soon restore him to his usual health.

## MINISTERIAL NOMINATIONS

The nominations for the re-election of seven of Premier Borden's Cabinet Ministers have been made. They all had seats in the House. They were all elected by acclamation, the electors being evidently desirous not to stand in the way of the honor and responsibility that had been put upon them by their leader. Seven were from the West, one from the East, one from the Maritimes, Hon. R. H. Grant, Minister of Education; Hon. H. C. Nixon, Provincial Secretary; Hon. Walter Robt. Minister of Labor and Health; Hon. Harry Mills, Minister of Mines; Hon. Frank H. Biggs, Minister of Lands and Forests and Hon. F. W. Biggs, Minister of Public Works. Mr. Biggs represents North Wentworth.

The Hon. Mr. Rolfe's nomination took place at noon to-day. There was no opposition. None was expected. Mr. Rolfe has the good-will of a great many people, and it is to be hoped that he will honestly endeavor to do his duty to all classes. He is believed to be one of the most level-headed of the members of the Labor party. They are willing to give him a fair hearing. He is a man without a seat, so are the Hon. Manning Hoberty, Minister of Agriculture, and Hon. W. E. Raney, Attorney-General. Seats will have to be found for these gentlemen before the House of Commons, to be taken part in the proceedings.

## DRURY AND HYDRO

The deputation from the municipalities that waited upon Premier Drury last week found him with an open mind on a committee, and he was to receive a knowledge in connection with Hydro-Electric matters. He has not given much study to the question, but he was opposed to giving Sir Adam Beck a long lease of power as chairman of the commission, and he favored having a commission of five members, so that the municipalities should have a voice in the control of the matter, but he let it be understood that the Government must control the Hydro-Electric system. Mr. Drury was anxious to see every farm house have electric light and power, but he was not so anxious to have the Province cut up with too many radial

roads. He was opposed to duplication of lines, and did not want to see more roads than was actually necessary. Too many roads made too big a burden upon the public.

The main issue of the question is, Mr. Drury might consider. At present only a certain number of municipalities are interested in the Hydro scheme. They are in the first place responsible for the many millions of dollars at stake. The municipalities directly interested should have some better control over the operation of the system than those municipalities that are not directly interested in its success.

If the Province is to adopt the Hydro-Electric system as its own it is Mr. Drury satisfied with it as a business venture. It is spending millions of dollars and assuming untold obligations. The financial interests insist on the whole scheme being of South Ontario, that will some day blow up. We have all kinds of assurance from Sir Adam Beck that everything is all right. But he is only one man; he is not a financial expert, and he will die some day. Mr. Drury's Government in a position to satisfy us all, opponents included, that the Hydro scheme is not only in the best of hands, claims it to be. We have some kind of an assurance given the Province that it is on a solid financial basis, much of the opposition at present would disappear.

## TRADE WITH GREECE

The Christian Science Monitor says that amongst the many interesting developments looked for in the near future is a great increase in the trade between the Dominion and Greece. At the present time, as was recently explained to a representative of the Monitor by Mr. A. G. Macpherson, Vice-Consul-General in Canada, there are practically no imports from Greece, but this is almost entirely due to the lack of shipping. Greece offers a very excellent market for all kinds of Canadian goods, and has many commodities much needed in Canada to offer in exchange. Mr. Macpherson advocates very strongly the formation of a committee of trade of Greeks in Canada, or else that the interests of Canada should be looked after by a specially appointed attaché at the British Embassy, or by a Canadian trade commissioner. Greeks need Canadian leather goods, timber, lumber, flour, paper and Canadian wheat, etc. Mr. Macpherson says that Canadian business men will do well worth their while to visit Greece and study for themselves the conditions and requirements of the country. Commenting on this the Monitor says:

Now, unquestionably, the great point to be considered in developing trade between Canada and Greece is the securing and maintaining of an equal rate of exchange. Canadian exports are raised by £10 per ton during refined gold or silver bullion.

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Whatever policy the Union Government may adopt in its relations with Greece, the securing and maintaining of an equal rate of exchange is the chief point to be considered.

There is no doubt that the public would regard it as a serious omission if the tariff wall of a badly broken exchange, which cannot be lowered, was seen as the most temporary and artificial means, and that no other goes to swell shareholders profits at the expense of the consumer.

TO BROADEN YOUR SYMPATHY. (London Free Press)

There is nothing that will broaden our sympathies or modify our judgments of other men more than to be able to put ourselves in out fellow men. It is easy for us to pass harsh judgment and deep contempt on others, but it is not so easy for the man to do so when he is in their place. Men's motives are often mixed, their conditions of life often hard, their opportunities often limited, and their better battles than the world realizes, and we should be more inclined to sympathize with them, and to be more lenient of unfriendly value. The attitude of Christ Jesus is an example never to be overlooked.

CHANGE OF PERSPECTIVE. (Guelph Herald)

Honesty and integrity well set at the Winter Fair, the importance of providing first class young men for the country, and the like, are important stock, important though they may be.

The advice of the Minister of Agriculture to the young men of the country minds are so centered on the latter that he has given little thought to the former. Who can doubt that Canada's cuppa of young men for the benefit of life. They are the backbone of the country, the strength of a high bred beast, but the training of decent living salary and immediately thereafter a high standard of living.

It is the opinion of the speaker that there is a distinct lack of sympathy in this and many other matters relating to the upbringing of our young men. We have a duty to see that they are well educated, and that we must expect to pay adequately for their education.

With a view to cut out the salacious and the blue-curdling in the movies a film censor will be put on the Board of Censors.

The Gauleigh lady teachers are asking the Board for a maximum salary of \$1,000. They should be reached by easy stages. They should have asked for \$1,000.

We do not know who Justice Cawelti is, but he has called to have a House committee of the U. S. Committee that he favored the United States going to war with Britain to free Ireland. What would he do with Ulster?

No good purpose would be served by trying to prevent Mr. Drury and his zealous Ministers from obtaining seats. We might as well give them a chance to see what better government they can give us than we have been getting. Mr. Dewart will keep them to their good behavior.

Sir Edward Grey, Britain's special Ambassador to the United States, recently addressed the students of Harvard College, taking sports as his topic. There were four essentials to happiness, he said. Some moral standard to guide all action; good relations

with the rest of nations; a good government; and a good government. Democracy, is not the German autocracy, but it is the British autocracy, ought not to be so solicitous to protect the English Staff and the seafarers who were put in power to fight off easily at Versailles. The English Staff and the seafarers are the permanent archives and give up the agents of evil.

AS THIS DOING IN BRITAIN. (Braintree Expositor)

A clear-cut definition of profiteering is not to be had, and it is this that the local tribunals must difficultly. So far, the only definition of profiteering is that given by the Board of Trade.

The making of an unreasonable large profit on the circumstances of the time is profiteering.

The parliamentary article, which is one of a kind, is a good one.

The Hydro-Electric Act as an abnormal remedy for the present emergency, and the best way to harness British trade, but to restore it to normal, and to keep it in the right channel, one concern the vigorous activities of a board of this kind and its vigil-

ance.

## A Family Gift

To those who make a family occasion of Christmas, when children and grandchildren are gathered together, might we not suggest a joint gift of a Grandfather Clock.

It would stand for many years to come at a magnificently regular time.

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## OTHER PAPERS VIEWS

WILDE'S UNLEARNED LESSON. (Ottawa Journal)

Jimmy Wilde has yet to learn that to be a good Christian is to be a good man. His popular verdict to an Englishman is a greater folly than gilding refined gold or silver.

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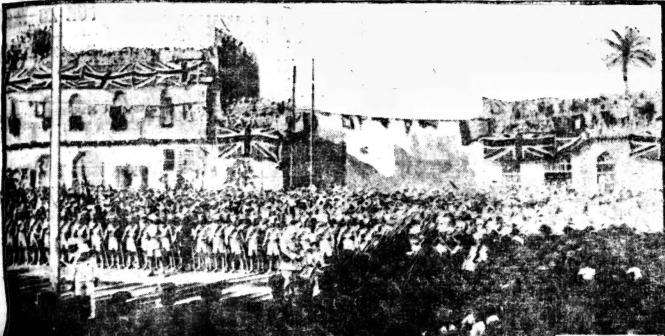
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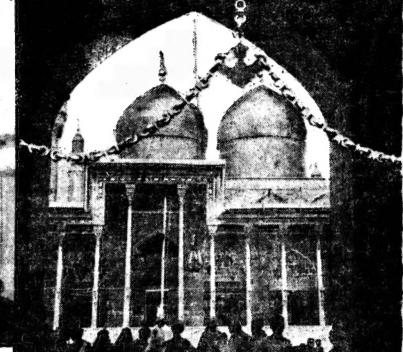
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## THE PRINCE IN THE UNITED STATES.

The Prince of Wales captured the hearts of the people of the United States just as he did the hearts of the people of India. Innumerable receptions greeted him everywhere he went. In Washington he met with the highest officials among American statesmen, and in that capital, as well as in a dozen other cities, the Prince was saluted by the people, who were glad to learn that an English Prince could speak the language of the hundreds of his countrymen. The Prince was made a freeman of the city of New York, and leaving there he promised to see the United States soon again. The visit will doubtless add to the friendly relations that exist between the British Empire and the great American Republics.

With the eyes of the world concentrated on that most important area known as the Near East, the scene of the greatest crusade in the world's history, the progress of Great Britain's campaign in Mesopotamia has passed almost unnoticed. Yet the successful occupation of Mesopotamia was the terminus of the British campaign in the Near East, and in no other area of the war has British prestige suffered greater vicissitudes with the entry of the ill-fated band of heroes under General Townshend our prestige in our vast Eastern possessions has suffered. In no instance has it been more brilliantly upheld than in the subsequent route of the Turks and in the final victory of all that vast territory. No other campaign has exemplified with greater clarity the British soldier's ability to meet the face of almost unsurmountable difficulties; no other campaign in proportion to its size has done so much to give health and happiness to the Empire's defenders and the Empire's enemies.

It is not my purpose to go into the short and brilliant history of the British operations in detail, these are already, or will in time be adequately narrated. I would, however, like to call your attention to the fact that, however, try to visualize to all who live under the protection of the British flag the untiring and heroic efforts which have been made to reduce these vast deserts peopled by nomadic and often recalcitrant tribes to the maintenance of law and order. The rise and fall of civilization in this country has been affected more than any other by the energy or the laisser faire of its various conquerors, of which the British occupation is the latest. The British have added to a list which comprises all the preceding Empires which are recorded in history. Like the Romans, who followed in the wake of Alexander's triumphal wars in the East, the British occupation has been followed by a series of less glorious and less glorious wars with the Turks, when the streets were the receptacle for all rubish and refuse, and the people were a mere crowd. Since our arrival the main streets, principal houses, hospitals and public buildings are all thoroughly cleaned and fumigated with electric fans for the first time in the long and varied history.

The area of Mesopotamia, which under an old system of irrigation long since destroyed, enjoyed great prosperity and rank as the great grain-producing country of the then known world is with the completion by British engineers of the irrigation system of the Euphrates on its way to a return of some of its old grandeur.

Especially improved its

hygiene, its communications opened up by railway construction. It may quite well be said to be the half-way house between the markets

of the Far East and the West.

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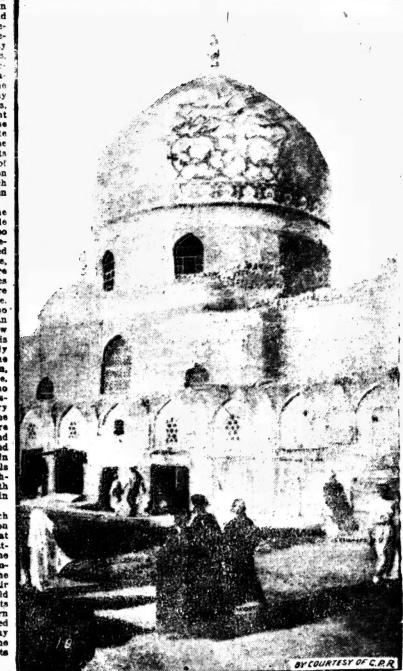
(1) Armistice Day in Baghdad. (2) A Birdseye View of Baghdad. (3) A Naval Monitor, Red Cross Launches, and an Arab Gouffa on the Tigris, at Baghdad. (4) Herons' Nests on the Domes of a Mosque in Mesopotamia during the war. (5) Mr. Con. Hammett, who is in Mesopotamia during the war. (6) A view of a Mosque in Golden Domes Khazmain. (7) The Prince of Wales at White Sulphur Springs. (8) Sisters' Quarters above Baghdad. (9) The Prince of Wales in New York.—Just arriving from Battleship Renown to inspect British Guard of Honor of Great War Veterans. (10) A Mosque in Baghdad.



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